

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 453

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cynthia A. Jones on being inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for the students of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy educator is Cynthia A. Jones, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones has recently been selected by a panel of educators and administrators for induction into the National Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her laudable tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-four-year veteran of the classroom, Cynthia Jones currently teaches third- and fourth-graders at Cason Lane Academy in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her teaching responsibilities at Cason Lane Academy, Mrs. Jones is also accountable for mentoring other teachers, training cafeteria and after-school staff,

and conducting workshops for the Tennessee Education Association, Lynchburg Schools, and Kingston Schools on research and the implementation of effective teaching techniques; and

WHEREAS, for her dedication to the education of the youth of Tennessee, Mrs. Jones has received a myriad of awards and honors, including being named Rutherford County Outstanding Educator and receiving the Jaycees' Young Educator Award and the Department of Education's Apple for the Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia A. Jones shares her dynamic teaching methods and leadership skills with her colleagues throughout her community and this State as a member of several professional organizations, chief among them the Tennessee Education Association, the Murfreesboro Teachers Association, and the Achievement Test Scores Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements aside, Cynthia Jones is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, James B. Jones, Jr., and her son, Boyd Robert Jones; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgia State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, Mrs. Jones also earned a Master of Arts in Experimental Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Jones is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia A. Jones truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Cynthia A. Jones on being inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.